

Unit 12

Psychological Disorders

Classifying Psychological Disorders

- **DSM-IV:** Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: the big book of disorders.



Two Major Classifications:

Early Theories

- Afflicted people were possessed by evil spirits.



Early Theories

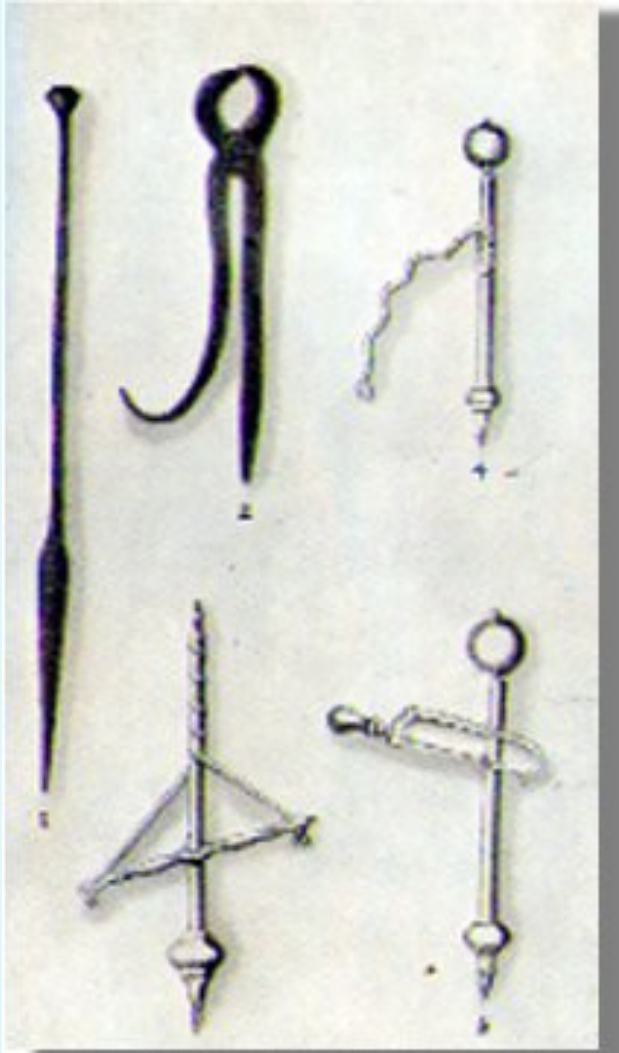


- Music or singing was often used to chase away spirits.

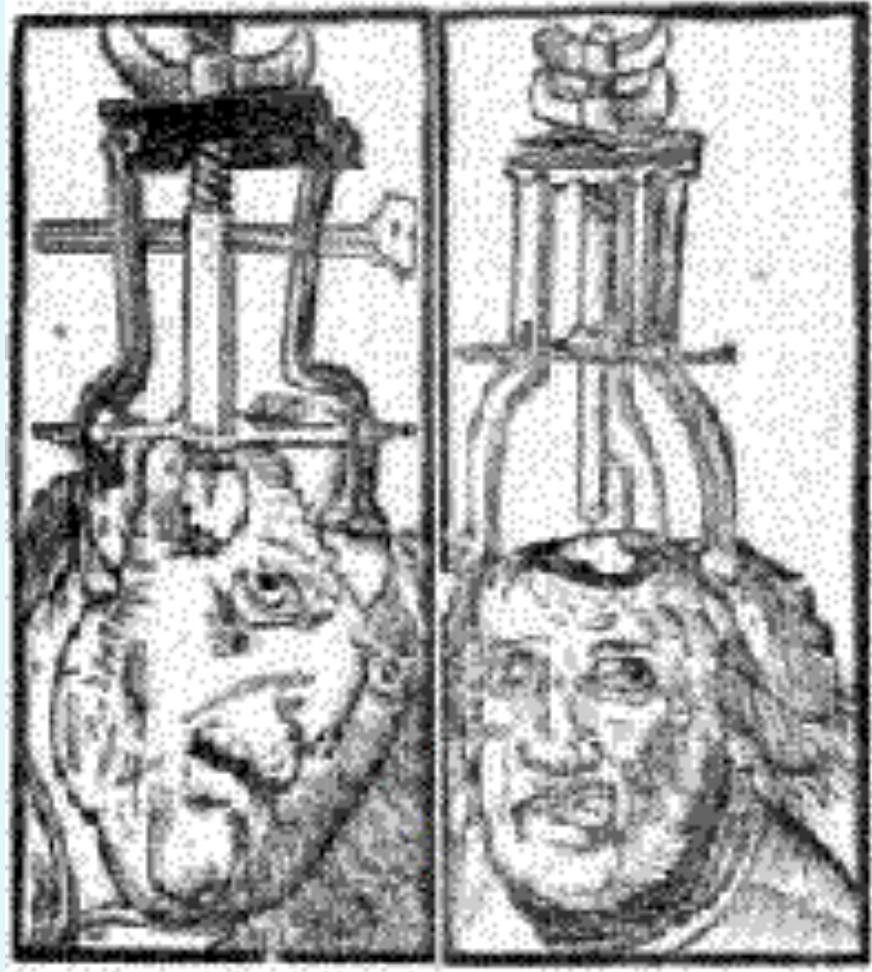
- In some cases trephening was used:

Cutting a hole in the head of the afflicted to let out the evil spirit.

Trephening



Ancient Greek metal trephines



European "Crown" trephines

History of Mental Disorders

- In the 1800's, disturbed people were no longer thought of as madmen, but as mentally ill.



They were first put in hospitals.

Did this mean better treatment?

Early Mental Hospitals

- They were nothing more than barbaric prisons.
- The patients were chained and locked away.
- Some hospitals even charged admission for the public to see the “crazies”, just like a zoo.

